



## *U.S. Coast Guard History Program*

# *Arcturus, 1872*

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The brightest star in the constellation Boötes.

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Builder: John Mahoney, New Orleans  
Length: 45'  
Beam: 15' 3"  
Draft: 3'  
Displacement: 15 tons  
Cost: \$1,100.00  
Commissioned: 1872  
Decommissioned: 1875  
Disposition: Sold  
Rig: Schooner-rigged launch  
Machinery: None  
Complement: ?  
Armament: None

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### **History:**

One of four *Lyra*-class wooden-hulled launches built for the Lighthouse Service. They were paid for with funds appropriated for the construction of the Trinity Shoals and Timbalier lighthouses in Louisiana.

Each was used as a freight boat in the 8th Lighthouse District. *Arcturus* was laid up in 1880 and sold. Note that these were the first craft in the Lighthouse Service that were not named for flora and fauna.

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### **Sources:**

Douglas Peterson. *United States Lighthouse Service Tenders, 1840-1939*. Annapolis: Eastwind Publishing, 2000.

